Salary cap could be on table if NHL lockout drags on, says Fehr

With more negotiations slated for this week, sides remain far apart in labour dispute PAGE 13

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Provincial E. coli cases not related to XL plant: Ritz

Tainted meat.
Facility at centre of outbreak undergoes 'pre-inspection'

Canada's agriculture minister says 13 cases of E. coli reported in Saskatchewan are not linked to the Alberta plant involved in a massive beef recall.

Gerry Ritz says these people don't have the same strain of E. coli as 11 other Canadians who have fallen ill from meat that is linked to XL Foods Inc.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency staff were in the XL plant in Brooks, Alta., Tuesday, for a "pre-inspection" to see if the company has fixed problems that forced its closure on Sept. 27.

Those problems included the management of E. coli risk, maintenance and sanitation.

Ritz says the pre-inspection is only the first of a multi-stage process the company must go through before it will be allowed to resume operating and no date has been set for it to reopen.

More than 1,800 XL Foods products have been recalled across Canada, along with more than 1.1 million kilograms of beef that was exported to the U.S. and 20 other countries.

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CFIA under microscope

Worries about tainted beef has a Saskatchewan Liberal MP seeking a review of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) by the federal auditor general.

- The call from Ralph Goodale comes as meat products shipped to other countries are returned to Canada because of E. coli concerns.
- Goodale says federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz should resign because of the tainted-meat scare.
- Ottawa has said any review of the CFIA will be conducted by the Agriculture Ministry.

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz speaks to the media in Calgary last week as he provides an update on Canadian food safety. The minister announced Tuesday that the 13 cases of E. coli reported in Saskatchewan are not linked to the XL Foods beef recall. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aboriginal leaders give failing grade

Ottawa's education-funding numbers for Saskatchewan's First Nations youth are misrepresented: FSIN PAGE 2

Sandusky gets minimum 30 years

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Vice-Chief Simon Bird of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations fields questions on Tuesday at a press conference in the FSIN boardroom.

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FSIN challenges feds on education funding

Aboriginal Affairs. Leaders call the ministry's statistics 'falsified numbers'

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A prominent Saskatchewan aboriginal leader on Tuesday invited Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan to Saskatchewan for a first-hand look at the current state of First Nations education in the province.

"I'm asking that Minister John Duncan accept my invitation to come tour our elementary and secondary schools and point out which school actually gets sufficient funding for First Nations in Saskatchewan," Vice-Chief Simon Bird of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations announced at a press conference at the FSIN boardroom.

Last Tuesday, the ministry said it spent an average of $13,542 for each aboriginal student nationally during the 2010-11 school year. Saskatchewan aboriginal students receive $12,159.

But Bird and other aboriginal leaders are calling the ministry's statistics "falsified numbers."

According to the Assembly of First Nations, the amount of funding for each student totaled $7,101, which is roughly $3,000 less than the national average for non-native students.

The 2012 federal budget included $275 million to further support First Nations' education. But the FSIN says that amount — which covers a three-year period — will not bridge the current funding gap between native and non-native students, and does not account for inflation and growth in population.

"We are expected to do the same job, to prepare for the same future — that is very competitive — yet we're not given the tools to be able to prepare our students," said Bird. "It not only hurts us as First Nations people, it hurts everybody that wants to participate in this economy, Saskatchewan and nationally."

Minister Duncan was not available for comment.

Sask. conflict-of-interest policy weak: Report

Saskatchewan's ombudsman says the province has some work to do when it comes to drafting a new policy to address conflicts of interest with government employees.

Provincial ombudsman Kevin Fenwick tabled a report Tuesday on the government's existing conflict-of-interest policy.

He said the current policy, drafted in 1986 and last revised in 1994, does not reflect or deal with conflict situations that may occur in public service and currently treats all conflict-of-interest cases alike.

"There has to be a more comprehensive policy — one size does not fit all," he said, calling for both immediate short-term solutions and long-term changes to be completed within a year.

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Ombudsman

Complaint prompted review

Provincial ombudsman Kevin Fenwick said the impetus of the review was a complaint received about how the government dealt with an employee of the Ministry of Social Services planning to run in a civic byelection.

"Sometimes it does take a complaint or incident to get the ball rolling on things like this," he said. In coming up with recommendations, Fenwick said, existing provincial policies as well as some state policies in the United States and Australia were examined.

"We did try to keep it to looking at mostly Commonwealth nations," he said, noting the province had been looking forward to his report.

"The province does have some work to do — but they have agreed to what we are saying and are aware of what we're doing," Fenwick said.

Governor General

Johnston's Sask. visit starts in Prince Albert

Gov. Gen. David Johnston began his visit to Saskatchewan with several appearances in the northern city of Prince Albert.

Johnston and his wife first did a walk-about at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts on Tuesday afternoon.

Johnston then met with more than 400 students from six area schools, who asked him questions about his job.

Students have a vital role in Canada's future, he said.

"I hope that as young people, as students, understand more about what makes us free, why the rule of law is important to us, that it ensures so many of those freedoms and liberties that we enjoy and shouldn't take for granted, they would say, 'My, I want (to) do my best to be sure that continues.'"

The Governor General was also meeting with chiefs and senators from the Prince Albert Grand Council.

Later Tuesday, Johnston presented three residents from Prince Albert with the Caring Canadian Award as the Albert Jenkins fieldhouse.

Johnston and his wife will be in Saskatchewan until Thursday.

Johnston is to take part in events to mark the 100th anniversary of the legislature in Regina.

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Brain surgeon

$1M research chair awarded at the U of S

Saskatoon brain surgeon and synchrotron medical researcher Dr. Michael Kelly has been awarded the Saskatchewan Research Chair in Clinical Stroke Research.

Kelly will be able to use this prestigious award to continue his research, aimed at advancing the understanding of strokes, improving prevention and treatment.

With joint funding from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, the chair will provide $1 million over five years.

The U of S will be providing an additional $200,000 for equipment and personal costs. METRO

With the Oct. 24 municipal election just around the corner, we are continuing our coverage focusing on some of the main issues outlined in candidates' campaigns from wards 4 and 5. For more information on the election, head to metronews.ca.

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A rundown of the platforms from city-council candidates running in wards 4 and 5

Ward 4 includes Hampton Village, Dundonald, Westview. Ward 5 includes the communities of River Heights, Lawson Heights, North Industrial and Silverwood Heights.

4 Election roundup

Troy Davies, Ward 4

1

Troy Davies

Troy Davies' platform is geared towards the unique issues faced by Saskatoon's west end — namely road improvements, crime and traffic pressure felt by the city's growth.

"We really need long-term planning for infrastructure," said Davies. He adds that as a lifelong resident of Ward 4, he will be the "strong voice" needed to ensure that the west end isn't forgotten as the city grows. Davies is the director of public relations with MD Ambulance and a paramedic.

2

Sean Shaw

Sean Shaw, Ward 4

Sean Shaw lists main concerns for Ward 4 as traffic, infrastructure and crime. Shaw said a growing concern is that as the city grows the west end will see less and less money for upgrades and that he would push council for a "reinvesting into existing neighbourhoods." Shaw, who is an environmental geochemist, said that maintaining an open dialogue between himself, as councillor, and constituents is vital.

Randy Donauer, Ward 5

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According to Randy Donauer, the biggest issues to tackle in Ward 5 are roads and traffic congestion. In an email, Donauer said nearly $5 million has been put into infrastructure improvements while he has been a city councillor, and adds that the road-repair budget needs to be increased every year. He also said that a north-end bridge would help alleviate traffic congestion. Donauer is a business owner.

Randy Donauer

James Ford, Ward 5

For James Ford, the issue is about how to better serve the residents of Ward 5. Understanding that he can't predict what decisions he will be faced with in three years, he said. "I will be making decisions from a progressive angle." Ford, who is a nurse, said housing is a top priority, adding that he will be pushing for forward thinking and ensuring that future plans are followed through.

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James Ford

Bettina's shimmy shakes U.S.

It wins her a green card. Canadian burlesque star has 'extraordinary ability' — just like a scientist, athlete or IT nerd

Bettina May can shimmy like nobody else — and she's convinced U.S. immigration authorities of it.

The Canadian burlesque performer has managed to get her U.S. green card as a "resident alien of extraordinary ability."

And that's a category reserved for scientists, IT specialists, athletes, celebrities and someone "unique in their field."

Her first plans now she has landed-immigrant status in the United States? A trip home to Victoria, B.C.

"First and foremost, it means I can come back to Canada to see my parents. I haven't been able to go home for two and a half years," she said.

Leaving the U.S. would have meant "a very slim chance of getting back in. I've been homesick."

She added: "Now I'll be able to visit the other half of Canada and know I can come back to New York."

May also runs "pin-up class workshops" that teach women the art of makeup and hair styles that hearken back to the Second World War glamour-girl era.

"A lot of younger women never learned how to do their hair or makeup from their mothers," she said.

"It can be a huge transformation for them to become more self-confident and positive about their bodies."

May took her stage name from her great-aunt Betty, also a redhead.

Sultry and successful

Bettina May's vintage 1940s style puts a sparkle in the eyes of her audiences.

- **Start.** She launched her career in Western Canada 10 years ago as a pin-up model and moved to New York in 2009.
- **Finish.** Her shows feature a leisurely sultry striptease that ends with just a brief flash of nudity.

Quoted

"New York is the best city in the world for burlesque and I can make a living here. But Toronto also has an awesome burlesque scene."

Bettina May

May had graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in political science when she realized her own vintage style of glamour could be her livelihood.

"I'd always had more of an hourglass figure but it wasn't until I saw old pictures that I realized — these women had curves and hips and were the glamour icons of their day.

"There was something about it that was sweet and innocent and still sexy."

Despite her U.S. status, the 33-year-old granddaughter of Saskatchewan farmers said she remains proudly Canadian and lists socialist politician Tommy Douglas as one of her heroes.

"I'm still a Canadian citizen and I will always remain so. But it's nice to have that ease of movement."

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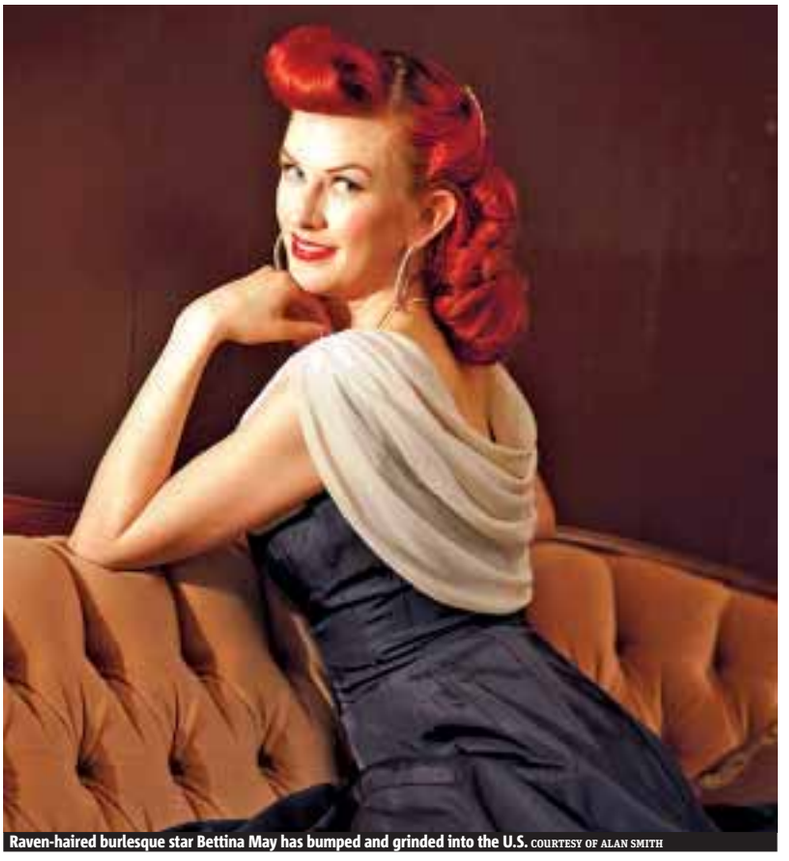

Raven-haired burlesque star Bettina May has bumped and grinded into the U.S. COURTESY OF ALAN SMITH

Ill winds. Daredevil puts off 37-kilometre free fall

Extreme athlete Felix Baumgartner cancelled his planned death-defying 37-kilometre free fall Tuesday because of high winds.

It was the second time this week he has been forced to postpone his quest to be the first supersonic skydiver.

The former military parachutist from Austria had planned to ride a pressurized capsule carried aloft by a 55-storey, ultra-thin helium balloon into the stratosphere, and then jump in a specially designed suit.

Because the balloon is so delicate, it can only take flight if winds are 2 m.p.h. or below.

Baumgartner, 43, was suited up when video showed winds whipping the balloon around.

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Sandusky, 68, gets 30 years; likely to end his life in jail

Reviled ex-football icon Jerry Sandusky was sentenced Tuesday to at least 30 years in prison — effectively a life sentence.

But he was defiant to the end in the child sexual abuse scandal that brought shame to Penn State.

"In my heart I know I did not do these … disgusting acts," he told a Pennsylvania court.

He also gave a rambling statement in which he talked about his life in prison and the pain of being away from his family.

"I've forgiven, I've been forgiven," he said.

"I've comforted others, I've been comforted. I've been kissed by dogs, I've been bit by dogs. I've conformed, I've also been different. I've been me. I've been loved, I've been hated."

Three victims spoke, often fighting back tears. One looked Sandusky in the eyes at times. Two of the men exchanged a long embrace after court was adjourned.

The 68-year-old former Penn State assistant coach was found guilty in June of 45 counts of child sexual abuse, convicted of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period.

Eight of the boys he was found guilty of molesting described a range of abuse that included fondling, oral sex and anal intercourse.

A star witness, former graduate assistant Mike McQueary, testified he saw Sandusky raping a boy in a locker-room shower.

Sandusky plans to appeal.

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Jerry Sandusky leaves court after sentencing. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian victims

The Jerry Sandusky case has sent ripples of revulsion into Canada.

- **The James scandal.** Two of former junior hockey coach Graham James's sexual abuse victims say they would like Canada to follow the U.S. in handing out harsh sentences to sexual predators.
- **Fleury.** Former Calgary Flames forward Theo Fleury says it's important to send a message that child sexual abuse is not taken lightly. He blames the federal government for a lack of leadership.
- **Kennedy.** Sheldon Kennedy would like tougher sentences as well. But he says longer jail terms are not the only answer. Canada, he says, is on the right track by educating the public.

IMF forecasts weaker growth for world economy

Sluggishness spreads. Quarterly update sees malaise expanding to more dynamic emerging economies

Plagued by uncertainty and fresh setbacks, the world economy has weakened further and will grow more slowly over the next year, the International Monetary Fund says in its latest forecast.

Advanced economies are risking recession while the economic malaise is spreading to more dynamic emerging economies such as China, the international lending organization says in a quarterly update of its World Economic Outlook.

The IMF forecasts that the world economy will expand 3.3 per cent this year, down from its estimate of 3.5 per cent growth issued in July. Its forecast for growth in 2013 is 3.6 per cent, down from 3.9 per cent three months ago and 4.1 per cent in April.

For the United States, the IMF raised its growth forecast slightly, to 2.2 per cent this year from two per cent in July. For 2013, though, it expects U.S. growth of 2.1 per cent, down from 2.3 per cent.

The IMF projected growth in Canada this year of 1.9 per cent, improving slightly to two per cent in 2013. That compared with the July forecast that saw growth at 2.1 per cent for 2012 and 2.2 per cent for 2013.

The IMF said growth in Canada has been constrained by the sluggish U.S. economy. "Domestic demand — both business investment and private consumption — has been supported by exceptionally favourable financing conditions, including low interest rates and credit availability," the IMF said.

"These factors, along with the commodity boom, have also boosted the housing sector, especially in provinces with strong mining activity."

However, the IMF warned about the amount of borrowing in Canada: "An important domestic vulnerability in Canada relates to the housing market. A sharp or sustained decline in house prices could seriously set back the leveraged household sector and domestic demand."

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Market Minute

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GOLD $1,765 US (-$10.70)

Natural gas: $3.47 (+6.4¢)
Dow Jones: 13,473.53 (-110.12)

Auto sales, tours affected

Spat over islands shakes Japan's economy

The craggy island specks in the East China Sea aren't even an economic backwater. They have no factories, no highways, no shops, no people — only goats. But the high-pitched row between Beijing and Tokyo over their ownership is exacting a growing toll on Japan, threatening to send its recovery from last year's disasters into reverse.

Sales of Japanese cars in China are in a free-fall. At the China Open last weekend, a representative of Sony Corp., which is a sponsor of the tennis tournament, was loudly booed at the title presentation for the women's final. Chinese tourists are cancelling trips to Japan in droves. And some analysts say Japan's economy will shrink in the last three months of the year.

The business and economic shockwaves come after Japan last month nationalized the tiny islands, called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, which were already under Tokyo's control but are also claimed by Beijing.

The move set off violent protests in China and a widespread call to boycott Japanese goods. Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. dealerships were burned down in one city.

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IT'S A GOURD THING THERE'S PUMPKIN PIE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Who says we're not making progress?

My first journalistic assignment, back in 1812, was to head out to the pumpkin patch and interview some farmer who was trying to grow the world's largest pumpkin.

It was some pumpkin, all right. About 900 pounds. That's a lot of pie.

He was getting ready to haul it to the World's Largest Pumpkin Olympics, or something like that. Sadly, he was defeated by his arch rival who managed to coax an extra few pounds out of his giant gourd.

Since then, the record has been eclipsed annually, and this year, the world-record pumpkin passed the magic one-ton barrier (imperial measurement, please; these guys are traditionalists), as the pride and joy of Rhode Island, farmer Ron Wallace, weighed in at 2,009 pounds.

That's more than twice as much pie.

While pumpkin pundits debate the upper limit and wonder if there is one, it's time to stand back and ask the obvious question: Who cares?

Well, this is not a question you ask around the HQ of the World Pumpkin Confederation or the Yugoslav Gourd Lovers Society, and certainly not at the 1100 Club, populated exclusively by guys who have broken the 1,100-pound barrier.

Frankly, only its grower could love a giant pumpkin. After all, it just sits there, spilling over the scale like Jabba the Hut. It bears no resemblance to those satisfying symmetrical squashes that you cluster across your doorstep. Those are grown by interior designers with bow ties. Hipster pumpkins.

No, growing a one-ton pumpkin is horticultural brute force. You can literally watch them getting larger: 40-50 pounds a day during peak growing season. It takes up to 160 days to grow one of these babies, so you have to start them indoors. And in the fall, when the threat of early frost increases, you'll spend your nights in the patch with your great pumpkin, trying to prevent a pumpkin freezie. Like Linus from Peanuts.

Everything has to be just so: soil, fertilizer, water, disease and pest control, not to mention the correct amount of shade and sunlight.

Of course, Ron Wallace, who also grew the world's biggest in 2006 (a 1,502-pounder), keeps his technique top-secret, which leads you to wonder if Ron's growing his pumpkins around a giant lead weight.

There's more at stake here than mere bragging rights around the Hot Stove League. Wallace has wrested the world title away from Canadians Jim and Kelsey Bryson from Ormstown, Que., who grew an 1,818.5-pounder in 2011.

For one brief shining moment, Canada and giant pumpkins were synonymous.

And, if we adjust the pH balance and the calcium content, 2013 pounds in 2013 is in our grasp! Be like Linus and believe. And keep your fork, because whatever else happens, there will be pie.

Ron Wallace, of Rhode Island, celebrates after tipping the scales with his 2,009-pound record-breaking pumpkin during the New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off at the Topsfield Fair in Topsfield, Mass., Friday, Sept. 28.
PAUL BILODEAU/THE EAGLE-TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lunch — 100 million years ago

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A stone's throw away

Ancient spider attack fossil found

Scientists have discovered an amazing prehistoric fossil of a spider about to devour a wasp caught in its web.

The preserved event took place in the Hukawng Valley of Myanmar in the Early Cretaceous period between 97-110 million years ago, a time when almost certainly dinosaurs were roaming nearby, scientists say.

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Expert's viewpoint

"This was the wasp's worst nightmare. The wasp was watching the spider just as it was about to be attacked, when tree resin flowed over and captured both of them."

George Poinar Jr.
Oregon State University entomologist

Amber fossilizes

How tree resin captures the past

The tree resin that forms amber is renowned for its ability to flow over flora and fauna, preserving them in near perfection before it later transforms into a semi-precious stone.

At least 15 unbroken strands of spider silk run through the amber piece, and on some of these the wasp was trapped. This is the first fossil ever discovered of a spider attack, scientists note.

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Long, long ago

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million years ago is the approximate time when this spider-wasp encounter occurred. Spiders are ancient invertebrates that researchers believe date back some 200 million years, but the oldest fossil evidence ever found of a spider web is only about 130 million years old. A report about the discovery by Poinar and his team appears in the October edition of journal Historical Biology.

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Do you think U.S. presidential contender Mitt Romney will see a first-debate bump?

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@JordanUnger1:
First game as a Saskatoon Stallion! #cantwait #pumped #915

@pclothespress:
The point of your afternoon where you are listening to bad German techno and hoping you get hit by an asteroid.

@heather_mo:
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@kiarahiebert:
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Who made the best bond?

"I think it's got to be Connery ... because as soon as I was of that age, he was really starting as well. And I just identify Connery with that role. It's always been a great piece of escapism."

Bryan Cranston, star of Breaking Bad.

"I think Casino Royale was really excellent, and I think Daniel is a brilliant Bond, wonderful. A Bond for now, in our world. He's wonderful."

Ralph Fiennes, star of the new Bond flick Skyfall.

More online and tomorrow

- Visit metronews.ca for more James Bond coverage, including a look at the newest film, Skyfall.
- Tomorrow, Metro looks at Bond's style and more celebrities reveal their favourite actor who played 007.

The top 12 Bond girls

There's 56 Bond girls out there (give or take), and we've ranked the sexiest. Not every film made the cut (sorry, ladies from Moonraker) and we excluded those women too cool to be called a "girl" (Michelle Yeoh) or too dumb to be found sexy (Denise Richards, a.k.a. "doctor of nuclear physics" Christmas Jones). Sexist? Hey, so are the films.

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1. Honey Ryder

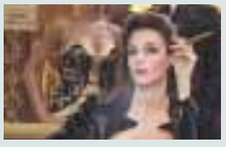
Ursula Andress, Dr. No

The Swiss miss set the standard for all future Bond girls: she wore a bikini and carried a knife.

2. Pussy Galore

Honor Blackman, Goldfinger

We concur with Bond, who says, when told her name, "I must be dreaming."



3. Xenia Onatopp

Famke Janssen, GoldenEye

She crushes an old man during sex. She hijacks a helicopter. She puts the fatal in femme fatale.

4. MayDay

Grace Jones, A View to a Kill

Bond was an equal opportunity ladies man, and wasn't scared off by the statuesque Jones.

5. Mary Goodnight

Britt Ekland, The Man with the Golden Gun

The Swedish bombshell became famous for being with two men: Bond, and her husband, Peter Sellers.

6. Helga Brandt

Karin Dor, You Only Live Twice

She ties Bond down to a chair, and threatens him with some makeshift plastic surgery, holding a knife. Then she kisses him. Deeply. Many times.

7. Solitaire

Jane Seymour, Live and Let Die

The first psychic Bond girl? Surely that's worth something.

8. Jinx

Halle Berry, Die Another Day

An Oscar-winning Bond girl: Was that a first? Nope. See number 12.

9. Vesper Lynd

Eva Green, Casino Royale

A modern-day love interest for modern times. Her back-and-forth with Bond on a train has more sparks than any bedroom scene.

10. Magda

Kristina Wayborn, Octopussy

She has an octopus tattoo in a film called Octopussy. How could we not include her?

11. Anya Amasova

Barbara Bach, The Spy Who Loved Me

A.k.a. Ringo Starr's wife, this New Yorker called Bond a "chauvinist pig who uses girls to shield him against bullets." And that wasn't a movie quote; that's her in real life.

12. Domino Petachi

Kim Basinger. Never Say Never Again

She's not the only Bond girl to have an Oscar but she is the blondest.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Jennifer Aniston

Aniston showing off giant gem on ring finger

Jennifer Aniston is set to marry fiancé Justin Theroux — and she's got the massive engagement ring to prove it.

During a recent afternoon out with Theroux in Santa Fe, N.M. — where Aniston is filming We're the Millers — the actress showed off a giant gem on her ring finger, according to Us Weekly. But while the ring may be plenty flashy, don't expect the wedding itself to be, as sources say Aniston is planning a "destination wedding" with close friends, "kind of like eloping with a few friends. There will be the feeling of a vacation, since that's their favourite thing to do."

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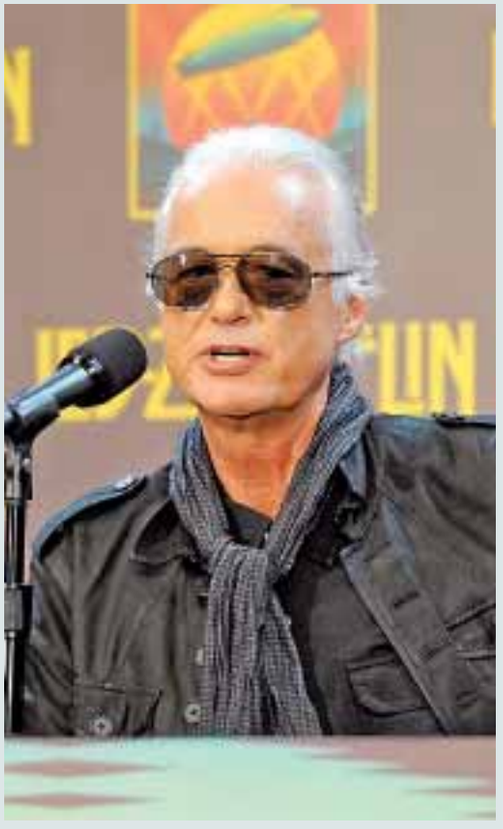

Led Zeppelin refuse to answer reunion questions

THE WORD
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Don't ask Led Zeppelin if they're getting the band back together.

Numerous reporters tried yesterday at a press conference promoting the release of their concert film, Celebration Day, but the British rock gods dodged and weaved. "We've been thinking about all sorts of things. But we can't remember what we were thinking about," quipped lead singer Robert Plant. John Paul Jones, Jimmy Page and John Bonham's son, Jason Bonham, who played drums on the band's one-off 2007 tribute concert for friend and Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun, were equally mute on the subject (actually, Bonham never commented one way or another on the topic; he just seemed stoked to be there).

"At this time five years ago we were rehearsing to get to the O2. If you think about the time it gets something like that to get together, it seems unlikely," said Page. He continued: "We were so happy we were getting it right and taking it beyond what we thought we were about that night. To do that four nights a week is a different thing entirely."

But they never said never.

So there is still hope for all you Zepp fans out there. And if you do either catch them live or see the film, keep an eye open for the band's facial expressions. "We used to call ourselves 'The Band of Nods' because if you missed a cue you would nod — that had nothing to do with opiates," said Plant. "And now, we've turned into 'The Band of Middle Aged Grins.'"

Lady Gaga

Gaga following in Bieber's footsteps

Justin Bieber isn't the only pop star with a weak stomach, apparently, as Lady Gaga found herself vomiting three times onstage while performing Edge of Glory during a tour stop in Barcelona recently. Gaga pressed on with the show after the episode and later made light of it, posting a link to a fan's YouTube video of the mishap and tweeting, "Was praying nobody saw but actually it's quite a good laugh if you need one!"

Ben Affleck

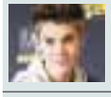
Ben Affleck not the hit-and-run type

Ben Affleck isn't just a talented actor and director, he's also a responsible citizen. While running errands in Santa Monica recently, the Argo star sideswiped a parked car, knocking off its side mirror, according to Hollyscoop. But unlike some Hollywood starlets we could name, Affleck did the right thing by stopping and leaving a note on the car's windshield. The note read, "Hi, knocked off your mirror! Very sorry! Will cover everything — Ben," followed by his contact information.

Twitter

@taylorswift13
I feel like I'd be more understood if people knew 'I Don't Want to Miss a Thing' by Aerosmith is how most of my emotions sound in my head.

@wossy
Good morning ! I am not feeling well. But I can stay indoors all day and drink tea. So there's the silver lining right there.



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The good news is that self-driving cars are now legal in California. The bad news is that so are the ones driven by Lindsay Lohan.

Drink wine in upstate N.Y.

The Finger Lakes region is a lesser-known haven for grape lovers

NOLAN GAWRON
Metro World News

In the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, there's a growing excitement — literally. Grapes! Wine grapes, to be more specific. The sloping hillsides, lake breezes and a steady summer sun have always provided the picturesque Finger Lakes region with a healthy grape-growing climate. But until recently, the land was primarily used to grow local Concord grapes that were sold to juice companies.

In recent years, younger generations have taken over the family farms and begun experimenting with wine grape varietals. While the yield can be more profitable, the arduous and artistic process is all the more intensive and comes with a higher risk factor. But with continued growth and a respected product that has gained praise and earned prizes all over the world, the shift seems to be working. Now with 109 wineries, the Finger Lakes have helped make New York the third largest wine producer in America.

Even though the area is known for its Cabernet francs, chardonnays, pinot noirs and ice wines, it's riesling that reigns supreme. With a climate similar to its German origins, the varietal has found a second home here. Ranging from dry to sweet, each vineyard in the area produces at least one style of Riesling — some make several — and many have won worldwide Gold Medal honours.

Soak up the wine and the scenery in the Finger Lakes region. ALLEN MCGREGOR/FLICKR

Is Finger Lakes the next Napa Valley? VISIT-FINGERLAKES/FLICKR

Camaraderie over competition

With a wine trail marked by road signs, vineyard tours and tasting rooms, tourism in the Finger Lakes is increasing. And with several wineries adding inns and high-end restaurants to their properties, many are calling the Finger Lakes the next Napa Valley. Vineyard owners in the area, however, are quick to point out a monumental difference — a unified sense of community. Here it's camaraderie, not competition, since in this region the vineyard owner is often the farmer, the marketer, the salesman and sometimes even the deliveryman. "If someone needs a forklift, we let them borrow ours," says Ted Marks, proprietor of Atwater Vineyards. "And they would do the same for us. People come from all over the world to work here and can't believe that we want to help each other succeed. We do what we do well. And we do it without pretension."

Segway tours are becoming a popular activity at resorts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The perfect getaway: Golf, spa treatments ... and Segway tours?

Travel trend. The often-mocked vehicle of choice for mall cops has found an unlikely surge in popularity at vacation spots

Some couples celebrate their anniversary with a horse-drawn carriage ride. Others rent a romantic cabin in the woods. A few even jet off to Las Vegas and renew their vows in front of Elvis.

Lori Kelly and her husband Gene recently marked their second anniversary by touring the woods of the Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa in Bedford, Penn. on a Segway.

"It was absolutely fantastic. It is really the ultimately unique experience especially for people my age," said Kelly, 59. Her husband is 64. "It gives you the flavour of adventure with very little threat of injury."

The Segway, first introduced a decade ago as an alternative mode of personal transportation, is getting a new life at a growing number of resorts around the world. For those not familiar with the two-wheeled electric vehicle, it works like this: Lean forward to move forward. Lean backward to go in reverse. Move the handlebars, and it turns left or right.

The device never quite took off as an everyday way to get around, but it has found a niche replacing city walking tours and helping security guards patrol local shopping malls. And now hotels with sprawling grounds are finding the Segway to be a great way to show guests around their properties. Plus, the devices are still quirky enough to be an attraction in their own right.

"You don't need any special skills to navigate around on it," said Kelly, the executive director of the American Red Cross in West Virginia.

She and her husband travelled in mid-September from their home in Shepherdstown, W.Va. to Pennsylvania resort for a two-night getaway. They shopped, sat by the hotel's fire pits, played horseshoes and had a romantic anniversary dinner.

But what really made the trip unique was the 90-minute, off-road Segway tour for $90.

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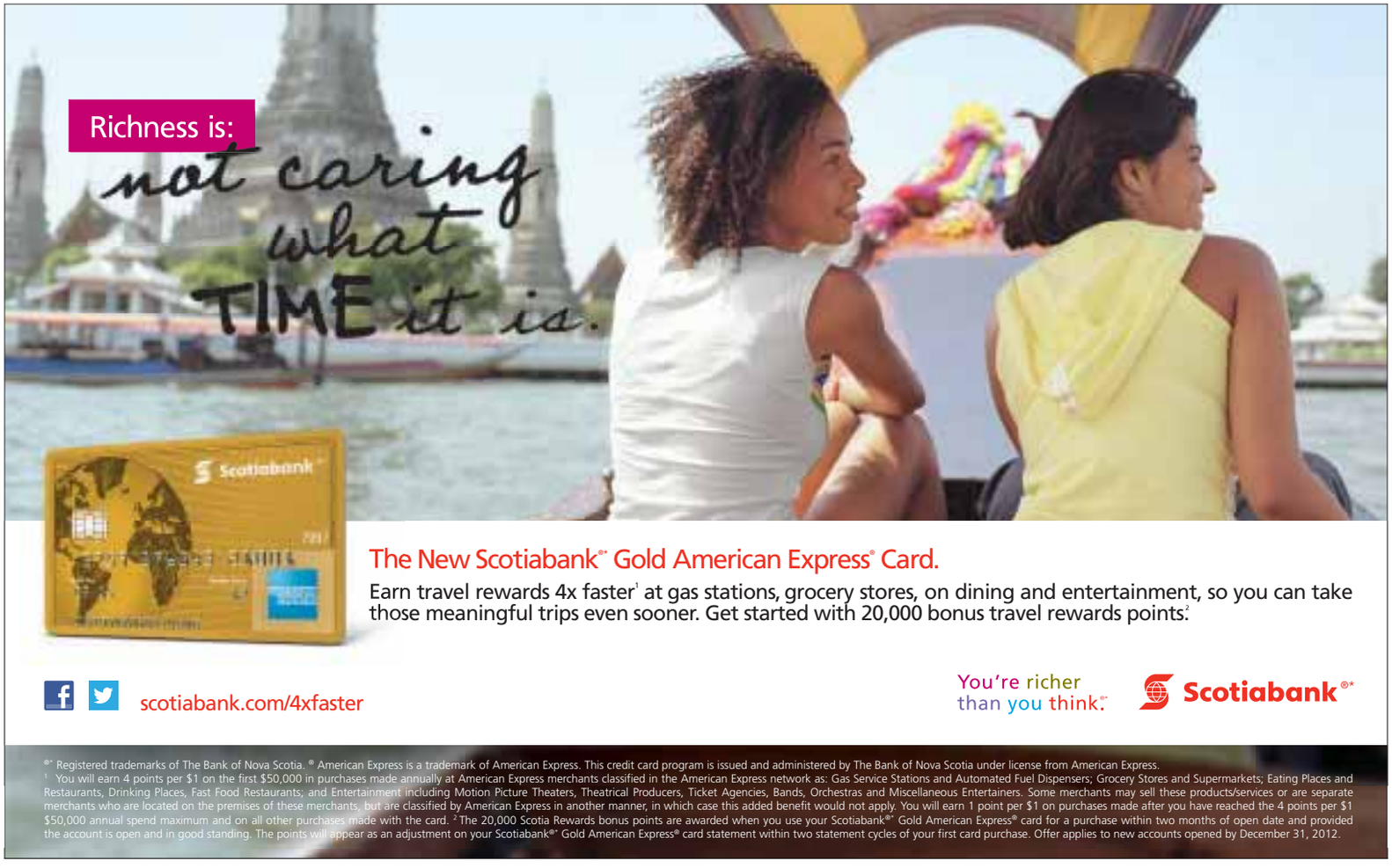
What's in a Segway tour?

- **Cost.** Prices generally range from $60 to $125 per person.
- **Requirements.** Several resorts have minimum age requirements and only allow guests between a certain weight, generally 100 to 260 pounds.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Eat healthy and delight your tastebuds — yes, it's possible

Eating a balanced diet is one of the most important factors in achieving a healthy lifestyle.

Fortunately, being health-conscious doesn't mean you have to give up the dishes you love.

Canadian chef Stefano Faita is a firm believer in healthy eating, and often relies on his Italian roots for recipe inspiration.

"There is a ton of healthy whole grain pasta options out in the market," he says.

Here he pairs whole grain spaghetti with spicy lamb sauce.

Whole Grain Spaghetti with Spicy Lamb Sauce

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 sprig rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) red pepper flakes (or to taste)
- 300 g (10 oz) ground lamb
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) white wine
- 1 can (540 ml/ 19 oz) diced tomatoes
- Salt, to taste
- 1 box (375 g) Barilla whole grain spaghetti
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) grated Pecorino Romano cheese

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add the garlic, rosemary and red pepper flakes, sautéing until garlic turns slightly yellow. Add ground lamb; cook until well browned.

2. Stir in wine and cook for about 1 minute. Add tomatoes with juice and 3/4 cup (175 ml) water; season with salt. Simmer until liquid has evaporated and sauce is thickened. Cover and keep hot.

3. Meanwhile, cook the spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and toss with the sauce.

4. Stir in butter and cheese before serving.

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Drink of the Week

Memories of summer

As we're well into fall, many of us are missing warmer weather. This Paloma is a classic combination of tequila and grapefruit, reminiscent of summer.

- 2 fresh strawberries
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) tequila
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lime juice
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) fresh pink grapefruit juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) agave nectar
- Ice
- Splash soda water
- Pink grapefruit slice and strawberry half, for garnish

Muddle strawberries. Add tequila, lime, grapefruit juices and agave nectar, and shake well with ice. Strain over ice in a tall glass. Top with soda water. Garnish with a slice of pink grapefruit and half a strawberry.

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Mushroom Fettuccine.

Instead of basil pesto, try using sun-dried tomato, cilantro or mint pesto for variety in this quick and easy supper dish.

1. Cook fettuccine according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté mushrooms and onions for 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Reduce heat and stir in garlic, pesto and salt; heat just until warm.

3. Add drained hot pasta and toss to coat well; taste and add a little more salt if not garnishing with Parmesan. Serve hot or at room temperature. Garnish with cheese, if desired, and pine nuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MUSHROOMS CANADA, MUSHROOMS.CA

Ingredients

- 375 g (12 oz) dry fettuccine, cooked and drained
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) prepared basil pesto sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) toasted pine nuts or chopped walnuts

Student Voice

Motivate yourself to make a mark

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The Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) program at Memorial University of Newfoundland requires that students must complete three work terms or internships at specified times during the five-year program. Memorial offers a database of jobs available to students, but for the most part they cater to either Accounting or Human Resource students that hope to stay within the province for work. I, however, am a marketing student with dreams to leave Newfoundland and work in the marketing industry in a more urban environment.

This led me to scour the internet as well as contact many of the connections I have made in the industry both in and out of the province. From there, I applied to many companies, from large corporations to small businesses. Cover letters and resumés were seemingly ineffective, especially via the Internet with no ability to meet face-to-face.

This led me to spend an entire day filming myself on my laptop making a somewhat quirky but still informative video about my skills and passion for marketing in the hopes of standing out among thousands of applicants to a large, well known corporation. I got an interview! This was a huge accomplishment and, although I did not get the job, it was the confirmation I needed that I had at least some of what it took to survive in this industry.

After that I had a friend who had some graphic art skills create a resumé that would be delivered in a unique format to help stand out among the crowd. Sadly, no interview.

Finally I was contacted by a huge marketing agency that seemed really interested but only did unpaid internships. I almost packed up and moved halfway across the country for an unpaid position, but after the intervention of my grandmother I decided I would contact them as a new grad.

Eventually I ended up with a position here in the province that I really like but still have my eyes set on a bigger city with bigger opportunities.

What I'm doing now

I graduate in April 2013 and will begin my job hunt soon! I'm starting to brainstorm some creative ideas so that I can get myself out in the industry and be recognized.

My recommendations

As much as I would like to say that I did not receive as much help or guidance as I wanted from employers, career centres and schools, it is really up to me to ensure I am portraying myself in a way that makes employers need to meet with me. Having a degree is not enough anymore — contributing in any way you can to the field you hope to end up in is crucial. I have found that making connections is also a key factor in getting jobs whether it be a recommendation or someone to help mentor you.

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PET LOGIC

NINE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS TO PONDER BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO ADOPT A PET

"When you get a pet, it's like you are inviting a new member into your family," says Michael Sullivan, executive director, Humane Society of Canada. Here are nine important considerations before your family makes the commitment.

1 COST. According to Sullivan, a cat or dog costs on average $1,500 per year (for the initial spay or neuter, vaccinations, food and other health costs). Exotic pets may be inexpensive but their ongoing needs will add up, too.

2 LIFE SPAN. Be aware that a cat can live up to 20 years, explains Dr. Jean Gauvin, a small animal practitioner in Lachine, Que., and vice-president of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, while a small dog can live about 12 years, a parrot more than 30, a rabbit 12, and a hamster may live four years.

3 SCHEDULE. Dogs, especially puppies, require a lot of your time for training and daily walks. Cats are easier because they don't need training outside of litter training. Most exotic pets (gerbils, reptiles, fish, and birds) will need daily care.

4 LIFESTYLE. If you are active, an active dog breed makes sense. But what will you do if you are someone who travels a lot? Gauvin says for shorter jaunts, a cat and exotic animal may be easier to leave or have looked after.

5 FUR. If someone in the family is allergic, consider a poodle or other non-shedding dog, says Gauvin. Or consider a lizard or snake.

6 SPACE. A small dog or cat might be best suited for a condominium or apartment while a Great Dane might better suit a home in the country. Exotic pet cages and aquariums will need a dedicated place in your home, too.

GETTING YOUR PET

If you don't purchase a full bred animal from a reputable breeder, adopt an animal from a shelter, rescue group, humane society or local pound.

7 FOOD. Sixty per cent of what you spend on a dog will be for food. Consider that a rabbit needs fresh vegetables while a cat is happy with canned food. Some exotic pets need special food — snakes eat mice while lizards love crickets.

8 EXPERIENCE. If this is your first pet, do your research, says Sullivan. Some dog breeds are easier to manage than others. For example, border collies need to be kept busy while a Shih Tzu doesn't. Cats are more self sufficient, says Sullivan. Most birds need time out of their cages.

9 AGE. If you get a puppy or kitten, you will have more work to do in the first year. A young adult dog or cat is less work — and you are saving an animal life.

Hockey

Hasek's hope for NHL return fading

Dominik Hasek appears to be done with hockey after giving up hope of another return to the NHL.

The 47-year-old goalie resumed training ahead of this season, hoping to get picked up by an NHL club, but told Czech daily Sport on Tuesday that it is "very unlikely" he would play again after no team offered him a contract amid the current lockout.

Hasek was twice named the NHL's MVP, and took home the Vezina Trophy six times. He announced his retirement in 2002 after winning his first Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings, but came back and then retired from the NHL again in 2008.

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Dominik Hasek speaks on Sept. 5 in Pardubice, Czech Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Tennis

Raonic opens strong in Shanghai

Canada's Milos Raonic reached the second round of the Shanghai Masters, beating Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic 7-6 (4), 6-3 on Tuesday.

The 12th seed from Thornhill, Ont., fired 14 aces past Matosevic and won the match in one hour 28 minutes. Raonic will face former Grand Slam finalist Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus in the second round.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cap in hand: Salary structure in jeopardy?

NHL lockout. Fehr says extended lockout could cause NHLPA to reassess playing under salary cap

Donald Fehr expressed some hope that collective bargaining talks this week will help lead to some resolution.

But he also made it clear in an hour-long meeting with the Torstar News Service editorial board that the longer the NHL lockout lasts, the less happy the players will be playing under a salary cap.

"If this goes on for an extended period of time, I don't know what they (the players) are going to do. But I think it's safe to say, they would be exploring all options," said Fehr.

He added the players can live with a salary cap if an agreement can be reached quickly.

"Where the players are, they want to make a deal," Fehr said. "Even though the owners' proposal went as far away from the players as they could, the players did not respond in kind. They made a proposal which moved in the owners' direction. If there can be an agreement in a relatively short term, which puts the pieces back together and gets the season going, I think the players can live with that."

Fehr fell short of calling for the salary cap to be scrapped outright — something that would put the NHL and the players further apart. But it was a reminder to commissioner Gary Bettman and the owners — on the eve of new talks with the league on non-core economic issues — that things can get ugly in a hurry.

"I hope we can continue to make some progress on what we call the non-core economic issues and I hope we can have discussions that can spark a new round of significant talks on the core economic issues," said Fehr.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said the league has heard the association's threats related to the salary cap before.

"Ultimately, it's their call," Daly said in an email to Torstar News Service. "Hopefully, we all want a quicker resolution to this negotiation than a longer one. How the PA ultimately decides to deal with that issue will be very telling."

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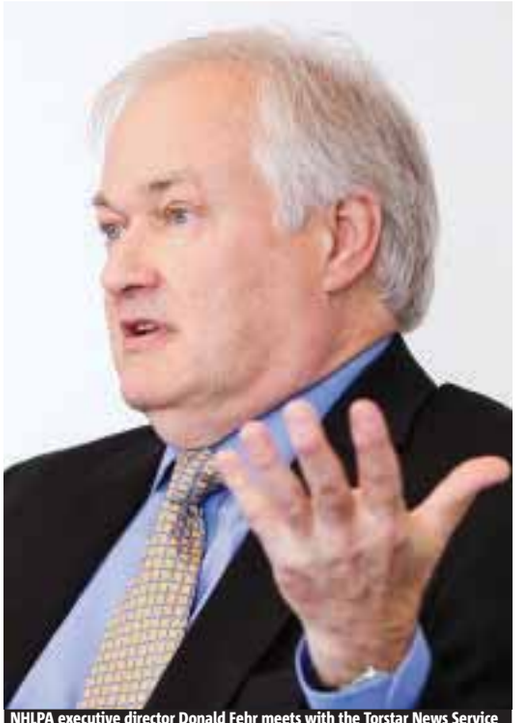

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr meets with the Torstar News Service editorial board on Tuesday. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"In basketball (the NBA locked out its players last season) they played 75, 80 per cent of the season starting as late as Christmas. I do hope we start many weeks before Christmas."

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr on Tuesday. Fehr declined to predict when he thought the NHL season might begin.

Dates to watch

Oct. 19
Potential date of the next round of game cancellations.

Nov. 10
Hall of Fame Game weekend, first big weekend for league on a national scale.

Nov. 23
Black Friday on U.S. Thanksgiving weekend — also the date NBC was to kick off its TV broadcast schedule; a very important date for the NHL.

Dec. 7
Another round of cancellations? Pretty well the latest hold-out date before cancelling the Winter Classic.

Dec. 21
If two more weeks are scrapped here, start thinking about the integrity of season.

Jan. 1
Winter Classic — Toronto vs. Detroit at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Jan. 11
Date the 1994-95 lockout ended, salvaging a 48-game season.

Jan. 18
Be very pessimistic about the season, if there's another round of cancellations.

Feb. 16
Date the 2004-05 season was cancelled.

Reds' roll ends after Rolen's fielding flub

Reds third baseman Scott Rolen bobbles a hit by Joaquin Arias of the Giants, leading to the winning run on Tuesday in Cincinnati. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

Hardly able to get a hit, the San Francisco Giants used a misplayed grounder to prolong their NL playoff series.

Third baseman Scott Rolen's two-out error in the 10th inning gave the Giants the go-ahead run Tuesday night in a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Giants avoided a sweep in Game 3, cutting their division series deficit to 2-1.

Rolen, an eight-time Gold Glove winner, couldn't come up with Joaquin Arias' grounder, bobbled it and threw late to first.

"I've gone through the play many times in my mind between then and now, and I think I would play it the same way," Rolen said. "It hit my glove. I just couldn't get it to stick."

The Giants managed only three hits against Homer Bailey and Reds relievers, but got two of them in the 10th — along with a passed ball by Ryan Hanigan — to pull it out.

"We kept scratching and clawing down two games to none," reliever Jeremy Affeldt said. "That's the way it is in the playoffs."

Cincinnati finished with four hits.

Left-hander Barry Zito will pitch Game 4 on Wednesday for the Giants. The Reds have to decide whether to try ace Johnny Cueto, forced out of the opener in San Francisco on Saturday with spasms in his back and side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 3

Giants	Reds
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4 SPORTS

Peugeot's concept gem is much more than four-wheel eye candy

Onyx. The slick car's looks may hold your attention but under its shiny exterior lies many admirable, greener features

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The Peugeot Onyx allows its looks to do the talking but there is much more to this car than just aesthetics. CONTRIBUTED

Sugarcoating gets a bad wrap. A coat of sweety goodness over something unsweet? What's wrong with that?

If it weren't for Honey Nut Cheerios a lot of us would be woefully deficient in essential substances, like Riboflavin, Thiamine and sodium.

There is a type of sugar coating in the automotive world too and it is equally delicious — the concept car.

Automakers need to constantly develop technologies, some exciting, some boring, some in the middle. When it comes time to let the world and their stakeholders know about the fruits of their labours, automakers help their cause by almost always incorporating the various technologies into a sexy concept form, then unveiling that vehicle at a major auto show with a photogenic human accompanying it on stage.

The alternative would be to present a technical paper about the technologies at an industry symposium, the kind filled with large name badges, stale "urn" coffee and break-out sessions. Guess which communication method gets the most attention? A case in point is the Peugeot Onyx, the concept that stole the spotlight at the recent 2012 Paris auto show.

Peugeot could have just told us about the technological areas they're currently working on, like… making vehicles look like they've been handcrafted by metalwork artisans… gaining lightness through carbon fibre… developing sporty and fuel-efficient diesel engines… capturing and re-deploying a car's kinetic energy… And trying to build vehicles with more recyclable materials.

All that sounds good, but the Peugeot Onyx looks even better. The doors and front fenders are fashioned from pure copper, by hand, by a master craftsman. Being copper, the metal's appearance will change over time. The rest of the body panels are carbon fibre, painted black. The carbon fibre chassis features less individual parts than normal. This "monolithic" design furthers both stiffness and lightness; it tips the scales just over 100 kg (220 pounds).

Mounted mid-ship is Peugeot Sport's 3.7-litre diesel V8, a version of which sees duty in the automaker's Le Mans racers. It transmits 600 hp to the rear wheels via a six-speed sequential gearbox.

The Hybrid4 technology recovers kinetic energy usually lost during braking, by storing it in lithium batteries, then automatically delivering it during acceleration, boosting power by a further 80 horses.

The main material in the interior is wool felt. The wool felt is formed as a one-piece pod — we're talking bucket seats, floor, upper console, and roof! The pod is fitted directly against the carbon fibre structure, and even does double-duty as soundproofing material. In places where it contacts the body, there is extra foam.

The dashboard and part of the console are constructed of old newspapers, or more precisely, old newspapers compressed under great pressure to form "logs." Apparently the logs seem to have a "grain" to them, and on closer inspection you can see that the grains are created by the newspaper's printed type. The Peugeot Onyx is eye candy, yes, but like a lot of automotive concepts it is very healthy eye candy — the kind with real fibre, protein, and nutrients.

Increase safety and save on fuel with a wise tire choice

Driving Force. Look for the right balance when choosing rubber for your vehicle with maximum gas savings and tread life in mind

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It might surprise you to know that very little of your gasoline's energy — only about 15 per cent — is actually used to move the car forward. In addition to such things as wasted heat, idling, and aerodynamic drag, your tires are also chewing up your fuel.

"Twenty per cent of the energy consumption on a car is to overcome the tires' rolling resistance," says Ron Margadonna, senior technical marketing manager for Michelin North America. "It's not the largest — aerodynamic drag is larger – but it's a significant energy that you have to overcome."

Minimizing this friction has long been a factor in the design of most tires, but rising fuel prices and tighter government fuel economy standards are making low rolling resistance (LRR) even more important with tire manufacturers. The major challenge is that tires involve a number of attributes, including tread wear longevity, road noise, and traction when braking or on wet roads. Manufacturers who concentrate too much on one attribute will compromise the others.

In some cases, trade-offs are acceptable: someone who buys an extremely "sticky" tire for high-performance handling on a race track knows that this tire will wear quickly, for example. However, most consumers want tires that balance these attributes. Tire makers use special rubber compounds, tire construction, and tread patterns to maximize the tire's performance, including its fuel efficiency. "The key is managing that energy as the tire deforms through its revolution, so there are advanced polymers that we're using," Margadonna says. "Comfort and noise levels have been improved in low rolling resistance tires." Michelin uses a "Green X" logo on the sidewalls of its tires that use these fuel-saving technologies.

Things to note

- **Inflation.** No matter what tire you buy, proper inflation is the key to maximum fuel savings, tread life and performance. Check your tire pressure once a month.
- **New breed.** Within a few years new tires will be sold with easy-to-understand labels that will rate their fuel efficiency, tread wear and safety for wet traction.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Things may get hot over the next 24 hours, but that's OK because you are the kind of person who thrives when the pressure is on. Just make sure you remember to keep thinking. Instinct alone won't be enough.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may have to give ground to a rival today, simply because he or she is even more stubborn than you are! The planets warn that if you go toe-to-toe with them, it could be you who comes off second best.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If someone you work or do business with gets a bit aggressive today, you would be wise not to meet their challenge head-on. This is the kind of confrontation you cannot win, so be sensible.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You are in the kind of mood where you are quite prepared to turn your life upside down if you believe it is needed to bring success. You may be right, but don't go too far and get rid of everything.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will get what you want today — one way or the other. But Mercury linked to power planet Pluto suggests you may upset a few people along the way. Do you care? That just has to be a stupid question.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put the past behind you and focus on the future. There is no point dwelling on what might have been, and why would you want to when your current prospects are so good? Each day can be a new beginning.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do you have the guts to take some kind of gamble? If you do, it could well pay off — especially if you act decisively on what your inner voice tells you. Others will disagree, of course. But they know nothing.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mercury in your sign linked to your ruler Pluto means there is not a shadow of doubt in your mind, but others are not so sure you know what you are doing. Your task today is to find ways to convince them.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Seize the initiative today. Make your bid for fame and fortune. If you don't, you may look back later and wonder what might have been — and the worst part is, you will never know. Do something daring!

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Sometimes in life you have to make a decision and stick to it, and this is one of those times. Whatever you are called to act on today, you must be brave and you must be bold. Anything less invites failures.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You know what needs to be done in your life, so get on and do it and don't worry about whether or not other people will approve. Remember: You don't have to please them — they have to please you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you are happy with your life the way it is then fine. If, however, there are things you would like to change now is the time to start making plans. Make them big plans too. Don't limit your horizons.

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Miscellany

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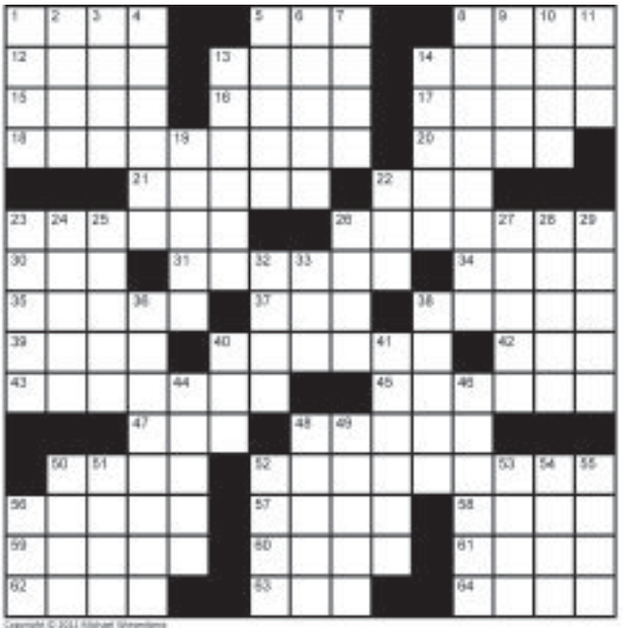

Across
1. Permits (someone to do something)
5. Chicken ___ king (2 wds.)
8. Double-reed woodwind
12. Skin soother
13. Actor Alda, Ladd, or Rickman
14. Witch
15. "... was blind but now ___": Amazing Grace (2 wds.)
16. It blows off the ocean
17. Smell
18. Curtails
20. Predicament
21. Conceals
22. Not him
23. Duress
26. Northwest ___: sea route on the Canadian mainland's north coast
30. When doubled, a dance
31. Engraved with acid
34. Ailments
35. Arise anew
37. ___ *and Order*
38. Pig's nose
39. Summers: Fr.
40. Kidnapper's demand for money
42. Society page adjective that means "born" in French
43. Sang like a bird
45. Disappear, like a hairline
47. Not young
48. Eucalyptus-loving marsupial of Australia
50. Plant used to make poi
52. Largest New Brunswick city, whose spelling is sometimes confused with the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador (2 wds.)
56. Bay of ___: location of 52-Across
57. Crooned
58. *Garfield* comic strip dog
59. Signed, as a contract
60. Give's opposite
61. Evil grin
62. Close at hand
63. Bro's female counterpart
64. Defunct US gasoline brand still active in Canada

Down
1. Refuge
2. "If all ___ fails, read the directions"
3. Baby's "piggies"
4. Be boiling mad
5. Wonderland girl
6. Goes on and on
7. Aardvark delicacies
8. Has food delivered (2 wds.)
9. Heckles
10. Burden
11. Always: poetic contraction
13. Among
14. Arrives
19. Step part
22. "I've ___ it with you!"
23. Alternative to a nail
24. 8th Greek letter, it comes before iota
25. Grand Prix car
26. Church benches
27. By oneself
28. Applied epoxy
29. ___ Lauder: cosmetics and fragrance brand
32. Dressed
33. Solo of *Star Wars*
36. Boundary that runs through four Great Lakes (2 wds.)
38. Silvery food fish
40. Valentine color
41. Citrus fruit that's also a color
44. Actor Christopher of the *Back to the Future* series
46. Coax gently
48. Hawaii's Garden Isle
49. Pig sounds
50. Adjust to the correct pitch
51. Ottawa-born singer/composer who wrote My Way
52. Former faster-than-sound jets: initialism
53. Wordsworth works
54. Goes quickly
55. Fiddler while Rome burned
56. Fish's steering mechanism

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	4		7	5	8		1	
2								5
		9				3		
9	7		6		5		4	2
				7				
6	2		8		4		7	3
		7				4		
1								8
	6		1	8	9		3	

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